

Please do not let the Bell companies establish a monopoly/oligopoly similar to that of the old AT&T monopoly dismembered thirty years ago. We, the government and the people, have worked too hard to stimulate competition for us now to return in another big business controlled guise with new technologies.

Competition requires competitors to exist, to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will die, consumers will be deprived of choice and our rights will be severely limited and controlled. The FCC is the citizen's watch and seeing eye dog, our aid, not our advisory. Please, side with the intended rights and spirit of freedom. DO NOT DO IT. Chairman Powell: Please remember the AT&T company of old, do not take the easy way and sell out to these few BIG BUSINESSES, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.